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- 1. On 7 August 1951 there were 70 sets of 10x20 tires and 10 radio units, each consisting of a transmitter and receiver, in the warehouse of the Hsin Fu (12) Trading Company in Macao. These goods had been purchased in early August by the Hsin Fu Trading Company on behalf of the Awangtung Foreign Trade Bureau, and were soon to be sent to Canton. The radio units had been bought in Hong Kong for HK \$3,000 per unit, and the tires from the Chien Ho (12 Az) Trading Company, 1 October Fifth Street, Macao, for HK \$3,500 per
- 2. On 7 August there were 500 pieces of steel plate, some 3 inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and the rest 5 inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, in the Chenhsing warehouse, Chingchou district¹, Macao, awaiting shipment to Canton. This material had been purchased in Hong Kong by the Nan Kuang Company, and sent to macao on 25 July on the SS TA LAI.
- 3. According to an employee of the Ying Ch'ang Company² of Macao, this company in early August 1951 was trying to arrange a barter exchange with the Macao Government of 600 tons of rice for military supplies to be sent to Communist China. The South China Foreign Trade Bureau had sent this rice to Macao from Canton on five Chinese Communist vessels, on 8 August.
- 4. According to a Chinese Communist army officer, on 10 August there were 200 tons of gasoline, truck parts and drugs in the Shuinan (水 貞) Warehouse, Kongmoon. These goods had been sent to Kongmoon from Canton on 5, 7 and 8 August, and were soon to be sent by water to Hainan.3
- 5. In early August the Chinese Communists were planning to use Tawanshan (Great Ladrone) Island (113-44, 21-56), in the Pearl River Delta area, as an unloading point for vessels from the Philippines, Panama, Canada, Ryukyus and Japan carrying cargoes of materials difficult to obtain in Hong Kong because of the embargo. Wharves were being built on the island, as well as warehouses where cargoes could be stored pending shipment to the mainland. The bricks and lumber required for the construction of the wharves and

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warehouses was obtained from Ch'ienshan (% $\rlap{\ L}_1$), Ts'aiwei (113-30, 22-16) and hisiaochou (113-20, 23-04) villages, Chungshan, by dismantling temples in those areas.

- 6. On 9 August there were approximately 500 drums of gasoline in Warehouse 2 of the Chinese Communist South China Import and Export Company. The warehouse, which is in Tayungk'ou (大河口), Fangts'un (大村), in the suburbs of Canton, was guarded by a platoon of Chinese Communist troops. The gasoline had been purchased in Macao and shipped to Canton.

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 - 1. Comment: In English this is known as Green Island, in Portuguese, Ilha Torde.

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Comment. There have been many reports of shipments direct from Macao to Kongmoon; shipment from Canton to Kongmoon roundabout, if the goods in question were obtained in either Macao or Hong Kong.